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HOKKAIDO PLANS MASS EVANGELISM PROGRAM

On February 1-2, the planning committee of HOREMCO (Hokkaido Radio Evangelism and Mass Communication) met for its first annual meeting to plan the 1961 program for evangelism on Hokkaido. It was decided that the main program should begin with the arrival of the director, Rev. Evyn Adams, in Hokkaido this fall, but that the interval should be utilized for preparations and leadership training. A conference in June, to which AVACO will send leadership, will evaluate thirteen radio scripts being prepared. These scripts will be produced in time for island-wide broadcasts in the last quarter of the year, leading up to special evangelistic campaigns in cities, towns and villages during the Christmas season. There will also be a training program for pastors and lay people for leadership and assistance in the program which will involve the use of literature, preaching, film evangelism, visitation and children's meetings.

INDUSTRIAL EVANGELISM FILMSTRIP RELEASED

A fifty-six frame filmstrip in ANSCO color, entitled INDUSTRIAL EVANGELISM IN JAPAN, produced by AVACO with the cooperation of the United Church Industrial Evangelism Committee, has just been released. The filmstrip, designed for international circulation, was written, photographed and produced in Japan by Japanese. Selling at four dollars and twenty cents, the strip tells of the work of the United Church of Christ in Industrial evangelism with special emphasis on new experiments in the post-war period. Distribution in the United States is being considered separately, but orders may tentatively be placed with AVACO at the above price plus postage:

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